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For: RESIST FILM REMOVAL APPARATUS AND Examiner: Mark. A. Osele RESIST FILM REMOVAL METHOD

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 10, 2006, finally rejecting claims 3, 4, 23, 26-34, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

No fees are believed to be due with this amendment.